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1. [REDACTED] "Merx" Import-und Export G.m.b.H., Vienna I, Seitzergasse 1, a
firm closely affiliated with the Landersbank through one of its directors,
Ferdinand ALBRECHTSEBENGER, has purchased 80 percent of the total cellulose
yarn output of Lenzinger Zeitwolle und Papierfabrik A.G., Lenzing, Upper
Austria, for export to Poland. Some cellulose yarn has already been shipped
to Poland

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2. This same businessman alleges "Merx" recently purchased large quantities of
precision and optical instruments in Great Britain, ostensibly for sale on
the Austrian market, but actually for sale to the Satellite countries.

3. Dr. Hans JELLINEK of "Merx" alleges that he frequently travels to Czechoslovakia
and Poland and is now trying to procure 100-horsepower electric motors for
shipment to Poland. JELLINEK is described as a well dressed, 45 year old man
who has dark hair, pale complexion and an oval face.*

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* Comment: Although JELLINEK is not listed in the 1950 Handels Compass
as a director of this firm, a report from another agency dated 20 April 1949,
identifies him as the head of "Merx". It is interesting to note that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] one JELLINEK,
an employee of "Edgros" Elektro und Radiohandel G.m.b.H., Vienna II, Gastellez-
gasse 35, makes frequent business trips to Warsaw and Moscow for USIA.

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